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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1050

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 26, 2004

BILL AMENDED: Feb 25, 2004

SUBJECT: Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Hinkle

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Clark

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill eliminates two members of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Development Commission, including a member appointed by the mayor and a member who represents township legislative bodies. It provides that certain members of certain county plan commissions, metropolitan plan commissions, area plan commissions, and boards of zoning appeals either: (1) reside in an unincorporated area; or (2) own real property located in an unincorporated area. (Current law requires that certain members reside in an unincorporated area.)

The bill requires the county commissioners (rather than the area plan commission) to appoint the executive director of the planning department in a county that does not contain a second class city. The bill also repeals a provision allowing a township in Marion County to require that a plan commission hold a public hearing within the township before an amendment to a zoning map may be made.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Metropolitan Development Commission* - This bill decreases the size of the Metropolitan Development Commission (Plan Commission) from 11 to 9 members. Additionally, the bill repeals the provision that requires the Plan Commission to conduct a hearing upon request of the township when amending the zoning map for the township.

The provisions of this bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Metropolitan Development

Commission. The decrease in expenditures, resulting from eliminating two members from the Commission would be dependent on:

- Minimal administrative costs for its members;
- Costs for staff, mailings, and newsletters for advisory committees and public hearings; and
- Costs for court recorders, public notifications, and video recordings for public hearings.

Executive Director Appointment - Currently, area plan commissions appoint the executive director of an area planning department. This provision would shift the responsibility for appointing the executive director to the county commissioners in counties that do not contain a second class city. The fiscal impact of this provision is dependent on any additional resources the county commissioners may need in order to carry out the appointments. Conversely, the area plan commissions would save any additional resources they used in making the appointments.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Department of Metropolitan Development, Indianapolis; area plan commissions and county commissioners of certain counties.

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